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In re Application of:

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For: Method and Apparatus for Providing
Prepaid Music Card or Deciphering
Recorded Broadcast Audio Signals

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the second paragraph on page 3 of the specification with the following text:

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-- In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, a method is provided whereby a user can record an encrypted digital audio broadcast onto a recording medium, then insert a smart card having a monetary value encoded thereon into a player, in order to begin the deciphering process. The player deducts the appropriate number of credits or monetary amount from the smart card, and proceeds to decipher the encrypted recording. As the recording is deciphered, the player records the deciphered digital audio onto a second recording medium.--

Please replace the second and third paragraphs on page 5 of the specification with the following text: